

Samuel Delucenna Ingham to Andrew Jackson, April 18, 1831, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

SECRETARY INGHAM TO JACKSON.

Washington, April 18, 1831.

Sir, In communicating to me this morning the information of the resignation of the Secy of State and Secy of War, together with the reasons which had induced the former to take this step, you were pleased to observe that this proceeding was made known to me as one of those whom you had associated with you in the administration of the Govt. and you suggested that I would after a few days reflection have a further conversation with you on the subject. But in recurring to the brief remarks made by you at the time, as well as the letter of the Secy of State which you were good enough to submit for my perusal, I have not been able to ascertain what particular matter connected with this event was intended to be proposed for my reflection. Under these circumstances and being desirous of avoiding the possibility of misapprehension as to your views, I would respectfully enquire whether the measure adopted by the Secretaries of State and of War is deemed to involve considerations on which you expect a particular communication from me and if so of what nature.

I have the honor to be with great respect

[*Indorsement in Jackson's handwriting:*] Mr Ingham not answered—sent for him and informed him I had for reasons which I made known to him determined to reorganise my

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cabinet proper and stated to him that Barry had offered his, and for reasons I stated, I had refused to accept it. A. J.